

Generations

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
HILLCREST LUTHERAN ACADEMY

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE,
TREASURING THE PAST

“One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4





THE **MISSION** OF HILLCREST LUTHERAN ACADEMY IS TO EQUIP STUDENTS IN A CHRIST-CENTERED, BIBLE-BASED ENVIRONMENT FOR A LIFE OF ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE.



CORE VALUES

Hillcrest is a close-knit community where students from around the world unite in classrooms, residence halls, athletics, and the arts. Each student attending Hillcrest engages in faith formation, develops intellect, and strengthens character.

Our program integrates the Bible into every discipline, academic and extra-curricular. This means students learn to live life with Jesus, being challenged to engage every aspect from a Biblical foundation. Students leave Hillcrest prepared and ready to engage the next challenge.



BUILD FAITH

Students build good habits by hearing the Gospel daily, through classes, in chapel services, and in the residence life program. Students from around the world engage in the Gospel-centered community at Hillcrest, building a foundation for community that rests in the nature and glory of God.



DEVELOP INTELLECT

Classical Christian education infused with a strong Christian worldview enables students to leave HLA with the academic foundation necessary to succeed at the demands of higher education and life after Hillcrest.

STRENGTHEN CHARACTER

Character development is foundational to our Christian school program. Students develop habits that honor God and their classmates.



Greetings! I am thrilled to announce the *Generations* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

With a goal of raising ten million dollars over the course of the next five years, this is the largest capital campaign Hillcrest has ever embarked on. I truly believe that what we will accomplish together through this campaign will lead our school into the next chapter of Hillcrest's story. As we launch into this new campaign, we know God is on the move! We have seen the work of His hands right before our eyes and we believe He is in our midst. *"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations... from everlasting to everlasting, you are God."*
Psalm 90:1

We are calling this campaign the *Generations* CAMPAIGN because as we look at the work we have in front of us, we see a beautiful balance of preservation and expansion. It reminds us of the countless lives that have been impacted here over the years - myself included. It's incredible to think back on all that God has done at "The Castle" and we want to look forward for generations to come.

We need to preserve and improve our beloved Castle which has served us well for over 85 years. If only these walls could talk! We are expanding the reach of our mission to include a Lower School. You may have heard that in 2020, Hillcrest merged with Morning Son Christian School to become an official preschool - 12th grade school with a Classical Christian curriculum. Talk about a new generation of Hillcrest students and families - we now have the capacity to equip students starting as early as preschool! The thought of our youngest students having an extension of our main campus to call their own is a huge answer to prayer.

This campaign is so much more than bricks and mortar! The buildings serve only to house the places of spiritual growth, to enhance academic excellence and continue shaping hearts and minds for generations to come! I'm inviting you to partner with us in this exciting new campaign!

Grace and Peace,

BRAD HOGANSON | PRESIDENT

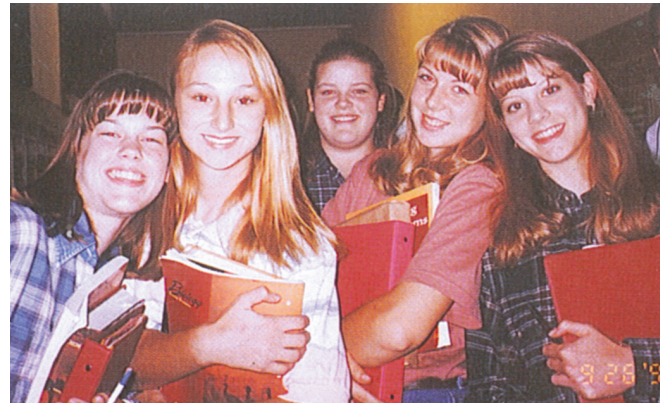


Throughout the history of Hillcrest, God has been faithful to our school. In 1904 E.M. Broen spoke these words as a blessing over a new vision for a Bible school which would eventually include a high school:

“Hereupon I declare this Bible School . . . as dedicated to and set apart for the glory of God and the up-building of His Kingdom. As a Bible School its aim and purpose shall be to seek to impart to its students the Spirit- the light and view of life of the Bible . . . The peace of God rest over this school and over all who shall go in and go out its doors! Amen.”

Fast forward to today. In his grandest dreams, could E.M. Broen have envisioned what has become Hillcrest Lutheran Academy? Generations have passed, but his words are no less profound or prophetic. Hillcrest and Morning Son Christian School have merged to become Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, offering preschool through 12th grade, and providing an opportunity for a continuum of instruction within a Classical Christian school model.

This Capital Campaign is designed to create an opportunity for the Hillcrest community to once again, come alongside the school in support of its mission, its financial needs and its vision for generations. The Lower School has found a home in a great facility located here in Fergus Falls. The Castle where Hillcrest has resided for many years is in need of an updated HVAC system, a new roof and the residence halls are in need of significant renovations and updating.



We are asking you to pray for each of the projects that are before us. God is faithful in his provision and we are completely confident that those who care for Hillcrest will reveal His character in many ways: love in practice, joy in giving, goodness in grace. We are amazed and delighted everyday by having the privilege and profound joy of working to send out the next generations of Hillcrest students into the world. They are living examples of the mission of Hillcrest Lutheran Academy: to equip students in a Christ-Centered, Bible-based environment for a life of eternal significance.



“LORD,

YOU HAVE BEEN OUR
DWELLING PLACE

THROUGHOUT ALL

Generations.

MAY YOUR DEEDS BE SHOWN
TO YOUR SERVANTS,
YOUR SPLENDOR TO THEIR CHILDREN.

MAY THE FAVOR

OF THE LORD OUR GOD REST ON US;

ESTABLISH THE WORK

OF OUR HANDS FOR US - YES,
ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS.”

- *Psalm 90:1,16&17*

OVERVIEW OF NEEDS



HILLCREST FUND

The Hillcrest Fund helps support the school's annual operational budget. As a result, alumni & donors assist in keeping tuition rates low, making Hillcrest education attainable for more students.

LOWER SCHOOL BUILDING

Hillcrest Lutheran Academy and Morning Son Christian School have merged into one Classical Christian school, creating a unique continuum of education for preschool through 12th grade. Hillcrest has entered into an agreement with LB Homes to purchase their administrative building (a former elementary school) for preschool-4th grade.



CASTLE ROOF/HVAC

The roof on The Castle is in dire need of replacement. The new composite roof shake will replicate the look of cedar and comes with a lifetime warranty. The aging boiler system is inefficient and obsolete and will be replaced with a modern and efficient HVAC system.

RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATION

The women's and men's residence halls are in need of renovation and updating. Since the Hillcrest Upper Campus becomes "home" to many students from across the nation and the world, we believe it is finally time to begin long overdue renovations to provide an exceptional living environment for our residence hall students.



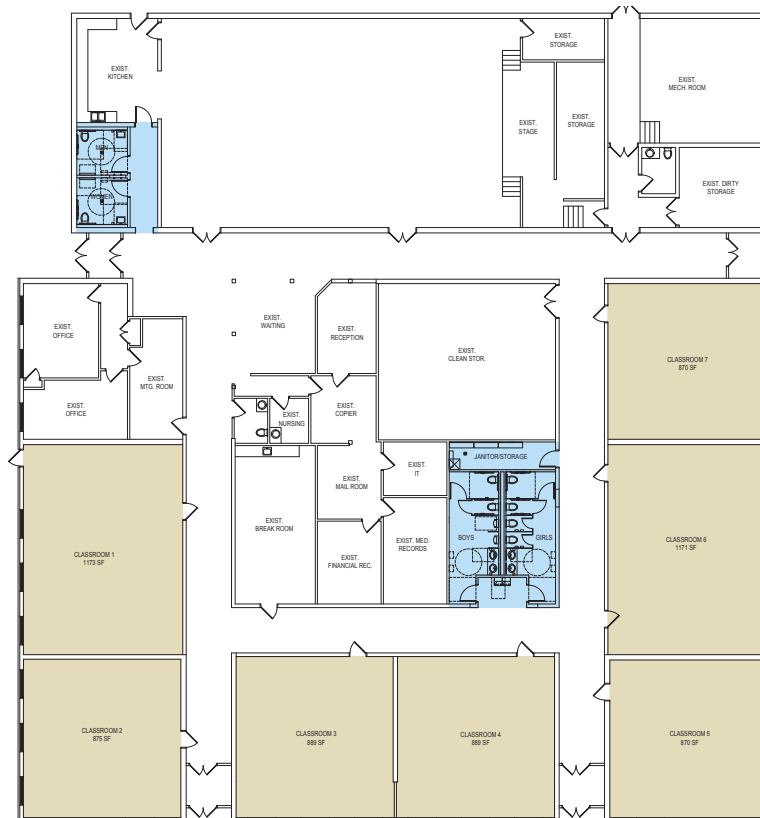
DEBT REDUCTION

Over the years our operations funding has accrued a debt of approximately one million dollars. We seek to move forward without debt in order to serve future generations of students with confidence.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Students who attend Hillcrest mainly come from families of moderate means. We feel called to make the Hillcrest education and experience accessible to as many families as possible. In order to match rising costs in education, Hillcrest is seeking to enlarge our endowed scholarships.

FUTURE LOWER SCHOOL BUILDING



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Gifts Needed	5 Year Gift	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total	
1	\$1,000,000	\$200,000	\$16,667	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000 to Purchase Lower School Building
2	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$8,334	\$1,000,000	
4	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,000,000	
7	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,667	\$700,000	
10	\$75,000	\$15,000	\$1,250	\$750,000	
20	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$834	\$1,000,000	
80	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$2,000,000	
90	\$12,500	\$2,500	\$209	\$1,250,000	
100	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$84	\$500,000	
224	\$2,500	\$500	\$42	\$560,000	
400	\$600	\$120	\$10	\$240,000	
				\$10,000,000	

THE SCOPE OF THIS FIVE-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN IS **\$10 MILLION.**

I. HILLCREST FUND

\$ 2,500,000

II. CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES

Lower School Campus

\$ 3,000,000

Castle Roof & HVAC

\$ 2,000,000

Endowed Scholarships

\$ 1,000,000

Debt Reduction

\$ 1,000,000

Residence Hall Improvements

\$ 500,000

\$ 10,000,000



MATT BRUE

“As I reflect on the trajectory of my life - so much of who I am today was shaped by Hillcrest. From a very young age I dreamed of the day I would be able to walk the halls as a student. Hillcrest was where my parents met and my dad taught Art while he attended seminary. I could even find graduation photos of my grandparents hanging high on the main hall walls. I knew I wanted to go to Hillcrest but what I didn’t know at that time was that God was preparing the way for me through the generosity of many people who I didn’t even know and would never even meet. My journey to Hillcrest was paved by the generosity of the generations before me.

As I consider the opportunity to give to the Generations Capital Campaign, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for those who made my personal experience possible. It took many generations of faith, prayer, sacrifice and vision. As I consider the future and the ongoing vision that God has for Hillcrest, I feel compelled to be a part of the next generation of donors that I believe God is calling to this kingdom work. We have a tremendous opportunity before us and I am so happy to be a part of it.”



DWIGHT & GWEN SCHMIDT

“From the time our children were born we had a vision of them getting a Christian Education and specifically at HLA. Not only did we believe that HLA would give our children a firm foundation in their Christian faith but would also equip them well academically. We wanted them to develop relationships with like-minded students who wanted to grow spiritually. It was our desire for them to develop a Christian worldview which we didn’t believe would happen in public school. It was exciting to know that our children started each class period with devotions led by Christian educators who would love and pray for them. Our time at HLA was a blessing and a life changing experience for our entire family. Many lifelong relationships were developed there for all of us. We would choose to send them again in a heartbeat.”



KEVEN & DEBRA CRABTREE

“Our three grown daughters attended Morning Sun Christian School and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. Because of that experience, we strongly support the school. We greatly appreciate the biblical worldview that is the foundation of strong academics from gifted teachers. All of our family developed lasting friendships that we treasure. As we look to the future, we’re hopeful our grandchildren will enjoy the privilege of attending, too. We think they’d be pretty awesome Comets!”



SUE & MATT LEACH

“We love Hillcrest because we believe in the mission of Hillcrest to teach our children through a godly worldview. I loved being able to incorporate Christ when I was a Physics and Chemistry teacher there. We believe in the mission so much that I served on the School Board. We sent all three of our children through Hillcrest, and it was the best thing we could have done!”



MARJORIE BOE

“I give to Hillcrest because I want other young people to be able to have the experience of going to a Christian school where your teachers and classmates are concerned about you and your Christian life. I had the privilege of going to Hillcrest my last three years of high school and graduating in 1952. I even attended a semester at the Bible School. My time at Hillcrest was some of the best years of my life! I keep up with my class and I have been back for every class reunion since then and plan to come back in 2022 when it will be my 70th class reunion!”



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